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SUBJECT: COGNAC/POULTRY PRESS COVERAGE

1. THE FRENCH PRESS AT FIRST REPORTED U.S. ACTION ON COGNAC WITH MINIMAL COMMENT. SUBJECT HAS REVIVED IN RECENT DAYS FOLLOWING TRADE MINISTER ROSSI'S PROTEST TO THE AMBASSADOR AND EC COMMISSION DECISION TO HIKE LEVIES ON TURKEY. COMMENTS GENERALLY MADE POINTS THAT FRANCE SUFFERS FROM "MINI-WAR" ON POULTRY AND THAT EC ACTION WAS RETALIATION. SEVERAL STORIES MENTIONED MTN AND SAID U.S. MEASURES WERE BAD OMEN FOR '77. LES ECHOS DECEMBER 8 REPORTED ROSSI AS HAVING TOLD REPORTERS HE WOULD GO TO THE U.S. TO TAKE UP COGNAC QUESTION.

2. COMMENT: WE MAY HAVE BEEN SPARED MORE THOROUGH COVERAGE BY THREE DAYS OF NEWSPAPER STRIKES. AS FOR ROSSI'S TRIP, HE HAS INDICATED SEVERAL TIMES INTENTION TO VISIT THE U.S. AFTER JANUARY 20.
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